Capital Accounts of the Kodayar Works.

87. **MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*) : With reference to the reply given to question No. 70 [81] asked at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 22nd Makaram, 1100, about crediting the capital account of the Kodayar Project with the difference between the sums realised by the sale of tanks at concessional rates to members of depressed classes and the sum realisable by their sale in auction, will the Government be pleased to state whether the present amount calculated as income from the Kodayar Works can in the circumstances be deemed to be correct?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : Government recognise that the capital account of the Kodayar Project should get full credit for the value of the lands sold, but the difficulty in making the adjustment lies in ascertaining the value which the lands will fetch in auction. To this extent, the income of the Project as now shown cannot be deemed to be strictly correct. With a view to remedy this, Government have ordered that tank-bed lands should not be registered on concessional terms hereafter.

Maistries in the Public Works Department.

88. **MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*) : (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state the present total number of maistries on the temporary staff of the Public Works Department?

(*b*) What is the work of these maistries?

(*c*) Do the Government propose to make them permanent employees?

(*d*) If not, will they be pleased to state the reasons for not doing so?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) The number of Maistries employed on the 1st Karkatakam 1100 is 757.

(*b*) Petty supervision of works and accounting of labour and stores.

(*c*) & (*d*) The question has not come up to Government and they have not considered it.

Purchase of Cement for the use of the Public Works Department.

89. **MR. M. N. PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(i) the quantity of cement purchased for the use of the Public Works Department in the year 1100 ;

(ii) the firms from which the cement was purchased ;

(iii) the quantity bought from each firm and the dates;

(iv) the price at which the supply was made by each firm ;

(v) whether the purchase made from each firm was in accordance with the rules prescribed in No. Fl. 2083, dated 16-12-1921 ;

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(vi) whether it is a fact that the quantity purchased from a particular firm was condemned by some of the officers of the department and whether they refused to make use of it when supplied; and

(vii) whether the Public Works Department has used this condemned cement for monier or any other works, and, if so, the works for which it was used?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (i) 2,000 barrels of Gillingham's Hand Brand cement and 100 tons in bags of Ganapathi Brand cement.

(ii) Messrs. Darragh Smail & Co. and the Madura Co.

(iii) 1,000 barrels of Hand Brand Cement before 15-10-24.
1,000 Do. Do. 15-1-25.
100 tons of Ganapathi Brand 15-10-24.

(iv) Hand Brand cement at Rs. 10-chs. 3-c. 0 per barrel delivered in vallams at Alleppey Customs House Jetty.
Do. Do. at Rs. 10-chs. 10-c. 0 in vallams at Quilon landing.
Do. Do. at Rs. 10-chs. 12-c. 0 Do. at Chakkay landing.
Ganapathi Brand cement at Rs. 51 per ton F. O. B. Alleppey.

(v) Yes.

(vi) The Division Officers, Kottayam, Quilon and Trivandrum, reported that Ganapathi Brand cement in bags would be spoiled if not used quickly and they were instructed to preserve it with care. No Executive Engineer has condemned it or refused to use it. It has on the other hand been well used in the Department.

(vii) This Ganapathi Brand cement is being freely used for almost all works in the Department except for reinforced concrete works. It is not possible to give a full list of the works on which this cement is being used, as the time required for collecting information from the various Executive Engineers and compiling them would be long and would not serve any proportionately useful purpose.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I know which is the firm from which the Ganapathi Brand is obtained? The answer speaks of Messrs Darragh Smail and Co., and the Madura Co.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I am sorry the information is not available now.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Are they not in a position to say from which firm this Ganapathi Brand was obtained?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Probably the Chief Engineer will be able to say that. If the member wants, Government will call for the information.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): In the answer, two firms are mentioned from which cement was got down—namely the Hand Brand and the Ganapathi Brand.

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MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : I bel the former was the species got down from Messrs. Darragh Smail Co. and the latter from the Madura Co.

MR. M.. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : So this Ganapathi Brand was down from Madura Co. ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : I bel Messrs. Darragh Smail and Co. supplied Hand Brand cement. I bably this Ganapathi Brand is from the Madura Co.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : But is the member sure that from the Madura Co. ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : I am sure.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : May I know whether this Ga pathi Brand is cheaper than the Hand Brand ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : The pi are given in the answer.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : But is it *comparatively* cheap

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : The ces of both are stated in the answer. The price of Hand Brand cem is given as Rs. 10 and odd per barrel and that of the Ganapathi Bra is given as Rs. 51 per ton. It is only a matter of calculation to which is cheaper. I am not able just now to say which is cheaper.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : Why was this Ganapathi Br cement got down if it is of a quality which cannot be preserved ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : The Di sion Officers reported that it was likely to be spoiled soon. But on e perience it is found that it could be also made use of. Only it has be preserved carefully.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : But can it be used for reinforc concrete works ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : No. T answer says, that " it is freely used for almost all works in the Depa ment except for reinforced concrete works. "

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : If the cement is not of g quality for reinforced concrete works, then how can it be useful for ot works ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : Reinfor concrete works may probably require the superior species.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : That is the reason why I wan to know whether there is a difference in the prices of the two brands

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : I have already that I am not able to answer it off-hand.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : Did not Mr. Jacob, the Divi Officer at Quilon, condemn the use of this Brand ?

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MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : The Division Officers of Kottayam, Quilon and Trivandrum doubted the capacity of this cement to last for a long time.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : Did this brand get spoiled ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : The papers do not show that it was spoiled.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Within what period ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : That has not been ascertained.

Qualification for Admission to the Science College.

90. **MR. M. N. PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*): (1) Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the admission of students into the Science College is made according to the number of marks of each student; and

(*b*) if so, the minimum marks required for admission in Group I and Group II of the Intermediate Class ?

(2) Will they be pleased to state whether any student was admitted to the College class who did not possess the minimum marks ?

(3) If so, will the Government furnish information about the names, marks and caste of such students ?

(4) Are there instances of students having been refused admission consecutively for two or more years? If so, how many ; and what are their names ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) :

(1) (*a*) & (*b*). The practice is that, without prescribing a minimum of marks for admission, applicants are admitted in the descending order of their marks, to the extent of accommodation available.

(2) & (3). In view of the answer to part (1) (*a*) & (*b*), these questions do not arise.

(4) Yes. One student, *viz.*, R. N. Govinda Pillai.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : From the answer to part (4) of my question, I find that one student by name R. N. Govinda Pillai was refused admission for two consecutive years. May I know whether the College authorities have admitted any student having less marks in the School Final Examination than this Govinda Pillai ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : From what answer does this arise ? The last part is about the refusal of admission.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : My question was—

"Are there instances of students having been refused admission consecutively for two or more years ? If so, how many ; and what are their names ? "

The answer to it is—

"Yes. One student, namely, R. N. Govinda Pillai."

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